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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 698  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Dr. Theodore Raymond Mosch of the University of Tennessee at Martin for his dedicated service to the students of Tennessee.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding educators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Theodore Raymond Mosch is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability and integrity and has performed his duties with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mosch is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate his students of the University of Tennessee at Martin to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, born in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, he graduated Phi Beta Kappa, and Magna Cum Laude from Ripon College and then earned a Master's degree in Education and another in Social Work from the University of Wisconsin; and

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WHEREAS, as he advanced in his notable career, Professor Mosch also earned a M.A. and a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Oklahoma as a National Defense Act Fellow; and

WHEREAS, this talented educator has served his country in numerous capacities and excelled as a patriot, serving on active duty in the United States Army from 1962-1965 and as an Intelligence Officer with the United States Army Reserve; a graduate of the United States War College, he rose to the rank of Colonel before taking a well-deserved retirement; and

WHEREAS, for five years, he taught members of the United States Army Intelligence Corps at Fort Huachuca, and he also directed the Army Reserve Military Intelligence Unit in Memphis for several years, in each position, earning high praise for the outstanding quality of his teaching and leadership; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, Dr. Mosch first stood behind a podium as a member of the Political Science faculty at the University of Tennessee at Martin and in the decades since he has compiled an unsurpassed record of educational excellence; and

WHEREAS, he has won virtually every award for teaching excellence bestowed by the University, twice being selected as Outstanding Teacher by the UT National Alumni Association and also receiving the coveted Cunningham Award for Outstanding Teaching and University Service; and

WHEREAS, he has consistently gone above and beyond the call of duty to assist his students, and his ability and empathy as an advisor and mentor are legendary, being recognized when he received the Excellence in Advising Award in 1990 and 1995 and the Outstanding Advisor Award in 2000; and

WHEREAS, among numerous other honors, he also has received the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Award, the UTM Student Government Association Outstanding Teacher Award, the Coffey Outstanding Teacher Award, the American Political Science Association Outstanding Professor Award, the Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society Outstanding Professor

Award, and the Department of Defense National Committee for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Service Award for Service to the Tennessee Committee; and

WHEREAS, he currently holds one of two prestigious University of Tennessee National Alumni Association Distinguished Professorships on the UTM Campus; and

WHEREAS, for his patriotic service, he has received numerous awards, including the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the Army Reserve Components Overseas Training Ribbon, and the NATO Knight of Jerusalem Award; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Mosch has mentored many current and future leaders of this state and our nation; for many years, he has served as Faculty Coordinator at UTM for the General Assembly Internship Program, and the quality of the interns under his guidance reflects his unsurpassed ability as an educator and mentor; and

WHEREAS, known throughout his community and his profession as a leader of the highest merit, Dr. Mosch has provided astute guidance to numerous student and faculty organizations and served with distinction on numerous university committees; and

WHEREAS, he truly serves as an inspiration to his colleagues, students, and the entire university community, and his friendship and counsel are highly valued by all those who are fortunate to know him; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding Tennessean has earned a reputation worldwide for excellence as a soldier and educator, traveling throughout the world but choosing Tennessee as his home; and

WHEREAS, he has brought much honor to this state and serves as an exceptional ambassador for Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Theodore Raymond Mosch exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to his community and country that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, he has demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate his students to reach previously unfathomed heights, earning unparalleled honor within the educational and military communities; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor Dr. Theodore Raymond Mosch for his unsurpassed excellence in education, commend his exceptional service to the students of the University of Tennessee at Martin, and salute his professional expertise, remarkable diligence and devotion in service of his state and country.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we extend to him our best wishes to Dr. Mosch for a happy and fulfilling retirement from full-time teaching and every continued success in all his future endeavors and further service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.